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Applicant : McGill et al.  
Appl. No. : 09/976,679  
Filed : October 12, 2001  
For : METHODS AND APPARATUS  
FOR PROTECTING THE  
PROXIMAL END OF A  
MEDICAL DEVICE  
Examiner : Jessica R. Baxter  
Group Art Unit : 3731

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.